(b) if not, have the Government asked the Chief Court why it has not done so;

(3) have the Government made the appointment of the Sheristadar;

(4) have the Government in making the appointment considered the claims of the sparsely represented communities;

(5) what minimum qualification is necessary for the post;

(6) and the number, names, communities and qualifications of the applicants for the post?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) Yes.

(2) (a) Yes.

(b) No answer is necessary in view of that to (a).

(3) and (4). Government are considering the question.

(5) Matriculation or School Final, Civil and Criminal Judicial tests, Account Code Volume I, C. S. R. and Standing Orders.

(6) Seventeen applications. Vide the list appended. (*Appendix IV.*)

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Is the appointment made?

President.—Not yet.

Appointment of medical practitioners in Grant-in-aid Dispensaries.

242. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether applications were invited from medical practitioners for the appointment in the Grant-in-aid Dispensaries newly started in 4 centres in the State; if so, when was the notification; who were the applicants and what were their qualifications, experience, and who were selected and what were the reasons for such selection?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Yes. Vide Government Gazette, dated 10th Thulam 1105, Part II, Medical Department.

The applicants with their qualifications were:—

1. Mr. V. P. Devassy, L. M. P., Medical Practitioner, Kumbalangi.

2. Mr. P. Virkkey, L. M. P., Medical Practitioner, Kallettumkara.

3. Mr. A. Ramasubba Ayyar, L. M. P.

4. Mr. A. Kochunni Menon, L. M. P. (Volunteer in the Civil Hospital, Trichur).

5. Mr. N. Madhavan, L. M. P.

The first four were selected because they were considered the best. Vide Government Gazette, dated 5th Makaram 1105, Part II, Medical Department.

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Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—When were applications invited previous to this?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.— Applications for what? I want a definite statement. Applications invited for what?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—When were such applications invited previous to this?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I want notice.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.— Were at any time applications invited?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.— Yes. Whenever appointments were made, applications were invited.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.— Were the claims of those applicants who were not given appointments then considered now?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—No.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Why not?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—No necessity. We consider only the applications received at the time. We have no information where the candidates are.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Were they not registered?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What is the meaning of registering applications?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.— The meaning of registering is writing down the name in the register. (*Laughter.*)

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—If their claims are not considered, why should they be registered at all?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.— Every paper that comes into the office is registered.

President.—We give information to the candidate that his name has been registered.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.— In some cases it was done, but not uniformly.

President.—We do it, and that paper is considered to be of great value. (*Laughter.*) After all, there is no value for that.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—You send this, not in all cases?

President.—In the Huzur office we do it in all cases as a matter of fact, so that the candidates may have some temporary consolation that their names have been registered.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—If it is a candidate applying for an appointment whenever vacancies occur, we register the application. The application is for a definite appointment.

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President.—Grant-in-aid Dispensary in this case.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—We invite applications, and these applications are considered, and the names of selected candidates are published in the Gazette. The rest must take information from the office.

President.—Why can't they repeat their petitions? We need not publish the same. It is the duty of the applicants also to see that their claims are pressed.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—If the application is registered, it is presumed,.....

President.—We are not to find out the names. They must see whether vacancies arise, and put in applications and see that they are preferred.

Dr. A. R. Menon.— Sometimes appointments are made before names are published in the Gazette. The notice inviting applications was published in the Gazette when the appointments were already made.

President.—It is highly objectionable.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Many objectionable things take place, and this is one of the many.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Does the Hon'ble Member refer to the Medical Department?

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Generally.

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